Levy of Duty at the Alleppey Sea Customs House.

43. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether they have received any complaint about the short levy of duty at the Alleppey Sea Customs House on goods imported through that port? Who is the officer responsible for it? What is the estimated loss sustained by Government on that account?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative, with regard to the first part of the question. In view of the above answer, the latter parts of the question do not arise.

Appointments made by the Chief Justice.

44. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of appointments, permanent, temporary and acting, made by the Chief Justice of the High Court from Chingam 1096, up to date, showing, in the case of temporary and acting appointments, whether the persons appointed are now in service?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for the information, as in their opinion the time and labour involved in its collection would be out of proportion to its utility.

Appointment of Ramaswami Aiyar in the High Court.

45. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Is it a fact that, when a *sub-protem.* vacancy of a clerk occurred in the grade of Rs. 25 to Rs. 50 in the High Court, the Chief Justice appointed one Ramaswami Aiyar who has only passed the School Final Examination and who had held no appointment before? Were there not Nair graduate applicants for the place at the time?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the above appointment was made when there were temporary clerks on Rs. 25 and Rs. 20 in the High Court, and if so, why?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Ramaswami Aiyar is not a mere English School Leaving Certificate holder but has passed the Intermediate Examination. The appointment was one in the undergraduate scale which should not be given to a graduate under the standing orders of Government.

(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative. The temporary clerks referred to are still continuing and *sub-protem.* tenure is not always superior to temporary tenure.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to State whether there were no supernumerary hands at the time when this appointment was made?

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